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(CN)	Canine	(FB)	Flashbang	(HB)	Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
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(CH)	Choke Hold	(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
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(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST)	Stun Bag
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR)	Taser
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: Category 3 Use of Force - Skeletal Fracture

IAB FILE NUMBERS: FO2498519

URN#: 019-04852-5100-505

DATE/TIME: November 20, 2019, 1800 hours

LOCATION: 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles

SYNOPSIS

On November 20, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant Eric Smitson, Sergeant Alfred Salazar, and Sergeant John Gutierrez responded to Men's Central Jail regarding a use of force which resulted in a non-displaced skeletal wrist fracture. The use of force was documented under Uniform Report Number 019-04852-5100-505 [Exhibit A].

SUMMARY

On November 20, 2019, Deputy was working as the 3500 Module Officer and was escorting Inmate Lee back from the Inmate Reception Center's Court Line. Inmate Lee's hands were secured along his waistline on the right and left side of his body with a waist chain.

IAB NOTE: A waist chain is security restraint device consisting of a chain and one to two pairs of handcuffs. A waist chain can be used to handcuff a single-person or multiple people.

While escorting Inmate Lee, Deputy maintained a firm grip with his left hand on the inside of Inmate Lee's right bicep. Prior to going up the escalators from the 1000 Floor, Inmate Lee stopped and stated he did not want to go back to his cell. Inmate Lee further stated he did not belong in Module 3500 and asked to be relocated. Inmate Lee complained about his classification and wanted to go to the facility's clinic and wait there until he was relocated and his classification issues were resolved.

IAB NOTE: Based on Department records, at the time of the incident, Inmate Lee was assigned to Module 3500, administrative segregation, and classified as a K-6T. This classification was utilized for inmates who are not considered to be a threat to jail security; however, based on special circumstances, must be administratively segregated from the general population and require a deputy escort. Inmate Lee's special circumstances consisted of being booked with the sole charges of contempt of court.

Deputy told Inmate Lee he needed to return to his cell. Inmate Lee complied and walked up the escalator to return to 3000 Floor. As Deputy and Inmate Lee approached the entry door to Module 3500/3700, Inmate Lee was instructed to face the wall while Deputy waited for the door to be unlocked. Once the door opened, Inmate Lee refused to enter the module until his housing location was changed.

Deputy Flores overheard one of his partners make a comment that something happened on the 3000 Floor hallway. Deputy Flores was not busy and went to Module 3500/3700, from the 3000 Floor main control booth, and assisted Deputy to convince Inmate Lee to enter the module. While escorting Inmate Lee into the module, Deputy Flores grasp ahold of Inmate Lee's left arm and Deputy maintained a firm grip on Inmate Lee's right bicep. Upon entering the module, Inmate Lee dropped his body weight to the floor, landing on his knees.

When Inmate Lee dropped his body weight, Deputy Flores maintained his grip on Inmate Lee and tried to support his body weight. Inmate Lee stated his left arm was in pain. Inmate Lee continued to state de did not want to go back to his cell and he needed medical attention. Deputy and Deputy Flores helped Inmate Lee stand up on his feet by lifting him up by both his arms.

Deputy Flores maintained a control hold of Inmate Lee's left arm, while Deputy used a firm grip to control his right arm as they escorted the inmate to his cell (C-12). Upon reaching Inmate Lee's cell, the deputies maintained a firm grip on him as he walked into the cell on his own power while still waist chained. Deputy Flores extended his left arm out to ensure Inmate Lee remained away from cell door while it closed.

After entering his cell, Inmate Lee dropped himself onto the floor and would not stand up to have his waist chain removed. 3000 Floor Sergeant Christopher Le was summoned over the radio and responded to Module 3500 and directed deputies to remove Inmate Lee from his cell and escort him to the 3000 Floor Hallway. Once in the 3000 floor Hallway, Sergeant Le assessed the situation and coordinated a medical evaluation for Inmate Lee. Inmate Lee complained of pain to his left wrist and was escorted to the Men's Central Jail Clinic.

Sergeant Le reviewed the associated DVTel surveillance camera footage of the deputies' interaction with Inmate Lee. Later, Sergeant Le was advised by medical staff, Inmate Lee had a non-displaced fracture of the mid portion of his wrist.

IAB NOTE: DVTel is a security and surveillance video management company.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Daniel Flores, Deputy Sheriff, # Custody Division Men's Central Jail

Work History

Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Deputy Sheriff, #
Central Patrol Division
Men's Central Jail

transferred to South Los Angeles Station on December 22, 2019

Work History

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Date Completed Patrol Training:

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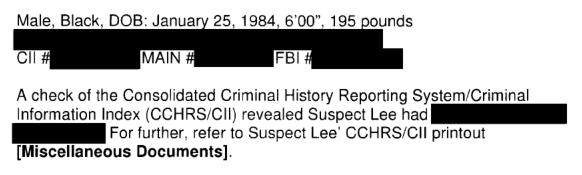
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INMATE INFORMATION

Gary Dennis Lee



INMATE'S INJURIES

Inmate Lee sustained a non-displaced transverse intra-articular fracture of mid portion of navicular bone and an abrasion to left wrist [Miscellaneous Documents]. IAB investigator Sergeant John Gutierrez spoke to Physician Fahim Gheybi who stated Inmate Lee's fracture had occurred within the previous ten days.

The Men's Central Jail Watch Commander's interview documented Inmate Lee's injuries. Inmate Lee's injuries were video recorded, but not photographed **[Exhibit C]**.

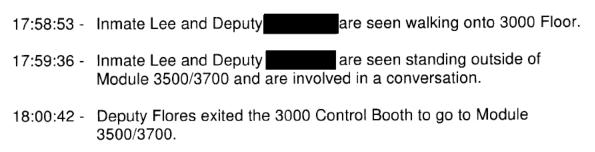
DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during the incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

The DVTel video surveillance from Men's Central Jail was collected and submitted with the case book. The following is segments of the Men's Central Jail DVTel video surveillance footage. The referenced times indicated below is the actual time of day the video file was recorded and its corresponding filename [Exhibit B].

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and Inmate Lee enter Module 3500/3700. 18:00:26 - Deputy 3500 Low Tier 253 and 3500 Lower and Inmate Lee are seen at the entryway to the 18:01:46 - Deputy module with Inmate Lee dropping to his knees. 18:02:31 - Witness Berrios exited the module officer's workstation and goes to investigate the disturbance caused by Inmate Lee. 18:02:19 - Witness Buchholz exited the module officer's workstation and joins Witness Berrios. come down the stairs and observed and 18:02:30 - Witnesses Inmate Lee and the deputies near the module entrance. 18:02:48 - Witness Rosas exited the module officer's workstation and stands with Witness Buchholz observing Inmate Lee and deputies and Flores. and 18:03:29 - Witness Rosas was seen directing Witnesses (Inmate Workers) to return to their sleeping area. 18:03:56 - Witness Berrios was seen speaking to Inmate Lee. 18:06:03 - Inmate Lee was assisted to his feet and remained standing without assistance by Deputies and Flores. and Flores escort Inmate Lee up the stairs and to 18:06:37 - Deputies his cell. Inmate Lee was seen handcuffed with his left arm behind his back. Witnesses Berrios and Buchholz follow them up the stairs. Stairs 18:06:49 - Inmate Lee was escorted up the stairs by Deputies and Flores, followed by Witnesses Berrios and Buchholz. Inmate Lee's body was turned sideways with his left arm behind his back, held by

3500 Upper

18:07:02 - Inmate Lee was escorted across the upper tier to C-Row.

Deputy Flores while Deputy

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18:07:06 - Witness Buchholz enters the module officer's workstation on the upper tier.

3500 C Row 860

- 18:07:24 Inmate Lee entered C-row and was escorted to his cell by Deputies and Flores and followed by Witness Berrios.
- 18:07:41 Witness Rosas seen entering C-Row conducting a Row Safety Check
- 18:07:43 Inmate Lee enters his cell (C-12) and Deputy Flores extends his arm toward the inside of the cell as the cell door was closing.

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INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

IAB investigators Sergeants Alfred Salazar and John Gutierrez conducted an interview of Inmate Lee on November 22, 2019 at 1458 hours. While conducting this interview they observed Inmate Lee had a soft cast on his left arm and dark colored scarring on his right wrist.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident took place inside the jail, which was illuminated by fluorescent lighting.

STATEMENTS:

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed any reports authored by the involved deputies and determined they were consistent with their IAB Administrative Force Review interviews.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY DANIEL FLORES

On July 8, 2020, Deputy Flores was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Troy Rodriguez and Victor Puebla. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office in the Captain's Conference Room. Representing Deputy Flores during the interview was Attorney Adam Marangell.

While inside the 3000 Floor main control booth, Deputy Flores overheard one of his partners make a comment about someone in the 3000 Floor hallway. Deputy Flores said he was not busy and went to see what was going on. As he approached Module 3500/3700, he saw Inmate Lee waist chained and being escorted by Deputy Inmate Lee appeared to have trouble standing on his own and was agitated about his housing location. Deputy Flores stated Inmate Lee was inconsistent when he was asked about his medical problem.

Deputy Flores had a conversation with Inmate Lee and convinced him to go inside the module. Deputy Flores and Deputy escorted Inmate Lee inside the module. Deputy Flores stated he held onto a portion of Inmate Lee's left arm but was not certain if it was the bicep, forearm, hand or waist chain to support him while he stood [Deputy Flores Transcript, Page 11]. After entering the module, Inmate Lee dropped his weight to the floor landing on his knees. Deputy Flores maintained his grip on Inmate Lee to slow his fall and attempted to not to fall on top of the inmate. Upon falling to the floor, Inmate Lee began to complain of pain to his left arm.

IAB NOTE: After Inmate Lee fell to his knees, his waist chained hands moved and were now positioned with his left hand behind his back and his right hand in front of his body. Previously, Inmate Lee's right and left hands were positioned near the corresponding sides of his body.

While on the floor, Inmate Lee continued to state he did not want to return to his cell. Deputy Flores and Deputy assisted Inmate Lee to his feet by grasping him on the bicep area with both hands and lifted him up. They escorted Inmate Lee up the stairs and to his cell.

Deputy Flores escorted Inmate Lee by sliding his left arm below the inmate's left armpit and grasped his left forearm with his palm facing himself. The inmate was waist chained at the time. Deputy Flores tucked Inmate Lee's upper arm against his chest and grasped Inmate Lee's forearm while he supported Inmate Lee's body weight while escorting him to his cell. Deputy Flores stated that this escort position usually caused bending or pressure to the inmate's wrist while waist chained [Deputy Flores Transcript, Pages 14-15].

Inmate Lee entered his cell, sat down, and remained waist chained. Deputy Flores called for a sergeant, Witness Le, to respond to Module 3500 C-Row regarding Inmate Lee. Deputy Flores stated he did not see Inmate Lee's head impact the wall or bars, nor did anyone spark or utilize a Taser. Deputy Flores said he did observe Inmate Lee lean his head against the wall.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Flores was shown videos of the Men's Central Jail surveillance to assist in his recollection of the incident [Exhibit B].

Deputy Flores said Witness Le met the deputies and had them write supplemental reports to document the incident regarding their actions with Inmate Lee. Deputy Flores stated he was familiar with the Department's force policy and that he did not witness or use any force during his interactions with Inmate Lee [Deputy Flores Transcript, Page 21, 23-24]. Deputy Flores authored a memorandum regarding his actions and observations with Inmate Lee [Exhibit A].

Deputy Flores was also familiar with the Custody Training and Standard Bureau Instructional Bulletin titled, Passive Resistive Persons [Miscellaneous Documents]. Deputy Flores' understanding of the bulletin, related to this incident, was if control technique/holds were used on a passive inmate and active resistance was not present, the force incident was not reportable.

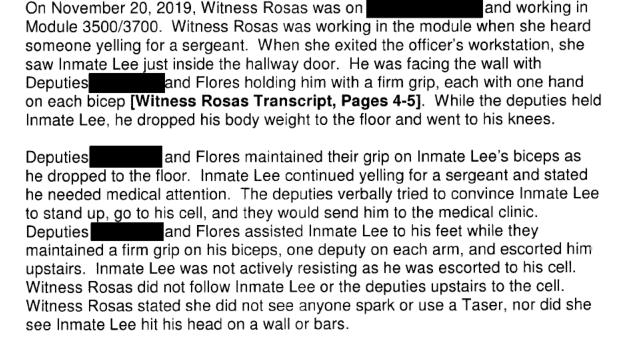
INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY On April 13, 2020, Deputy was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Troy Rodriguez and Victor Puebla. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Representing Deputy during the interview was Attorney Elizabeth Gibbons of The Gibbons Firm. escorted Inmate Lee from court line to Module 3500/3700. Deputy While he escorted Inmate Lee, he told Deputy he was in the wrong Module and wanted it changed. Inmate Lee stated he wanted to go to the medical clinic and wait there until he changed his module location; however, he did not complain about any illness or pain at this time. Deputy based on Inmate Lee's housing location, he was classified as a high power inmate; however, he did not know his exact classification. Once outside Module 3500/3700, Inmate Lee believed he was assigned to the wrong module, and did not want to return to his cell. Deputies Flores convinced Inmate Lee to go back to his cell. They escorted him into the module utilizing a firm grip on his biceps with a deputy on each arm. Deputy told Inmate Lee he needed to return to his cell so they could verify his classification and if he needed medical care they would contact the clinic for a pass to be generated [Deputy Transcript, pages 5-6]. Upon entering the module, Inmate Lee collapsed to his knees while deputies and Flores maintained their firm grip on his biceps. Inmate Lee began complaining his feet hurt and he could not walk. While on the floor, Inmate Lee made no statement's regarding his arms or wrists being in pain. Deputy

stated he did not know who called for a sergeant, but one was summoned to the module regarding Inmate Lee's behavior. The deputies convinced Inmate Lee to return to his cell by repeating he needed to go to his cell, wait for a pass to be generated, and an inquiry into his classification to be completed. Deputy said no one twisted or applied any type of pain compliance maneuver to make Inmate Lee stand up and return to his cell. Deputy and Flores assisted Inmate Lee by maintaining a firm grip on his biceps and lifting his body weight upwards to allow him to stand on his feet [Deputy Transcript, Page 10]. The deputies began escorting Inmate Lee up the stairs and to his cell. Deputy grip on Inmate Lee's right bicep, but did not know how Deputy Flores was holding Inmate Lee's left arm. stated he did not observe Inmate Lee's head make contact with Deputy the wall or bars, nor did anyone spark or utilize a Taser. After Inmate Lee was placed in his cell, he began to complain his wrist hurt and wanted to talk to a supervisor. Deputy said he did not see any visible injuries on Inmate Lee. Upon entering his cell, Inmate Lee let his body fall down to the floor, remained seated and handcuffed. Approximately one minute later, Witness Le arrived to the module after Inmate Lee went inside his cell. Deputy was not involved in removing Inmate Lee from his cell or escorting him to the hallway. IAB NOTE: Deputy was shown videos of the Men's Central Jail surveillance footage to assist in his recollection of the incident [Exhibit B]. said Witness Le had a debriefing with the deputies and had them write supplemental reports on what they had seen and done because Inmate Lee had a sprained or broken left wrist [Deputy Transcript, pages 22-24]. Deputy stated he did not use or witness any reportable use of force during the incident with Inmate Lee. Deputy authored a memorandum regarding his actions and observations with Inmate Lee [Exhibit **A**]. was familiar with the Department's force policy and Custody Deputy Division's Manual section 7-02/020.00, Handling Insubordinate, Recalcitrant, Hostile or Aggressive Inmates. He was not familiar with the Custody Training and Standard Bureau Instructional Bulletin titled, Passive Resistive Persons, but reviewed it during his interview [Miscellaneous Documents]. Deputy understood when dealing with a recalcitrant or passive aggressive inmate, verbal communication should be used in an attempt to gain compliance; however, if compliance was not received, a sergeant should be notified. Deputy

believed a sergeant was notified during this incident, but was unclear as to when and by whom.

WITNESS GABRIELA ROSAS

On March 17, 2020, IAB investigators Sergeants Sergeant Troy Rodriquez and Omar Camacho interviewed Custody Assistant Rosas in the Line-up room at Men's Central Jail.



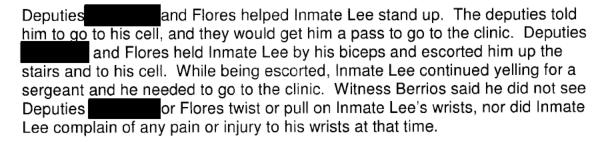
Witness Rosas was familiar with the Department's force policy and Custody Division's Manual section 7-02/020.00, Handling Insubordinate, Recalcitrant, Hostile or Aggressive Inmates. Witness Rosas reviewed the Custody Training and Standard Bureau Instructional Bulletin titled, Passive Resistive Persons, during her interview [Miscellaneous Documents]. Witness Rosas understood when dealing with a recalcitrant or passive aggressive inmate, Department personnel should attempt to deescalate the situation; however, if compliance was not received a sergeant should be notified.

Witness Rosas was uncertain if a sergeant was called to the module, but based on Inmate Lee's behavior and the recalcitrant inmate policy, Witness Rosas stated a sergeant should have been requested, if one was not [Witness Rosas Transcript, Page 13]. Witness Rosas authored a memorandum regarding her actions and observations with Inmate Lee [Exhibit A].

WITNESS LUIS BERRIOS

On March 17, 2020, IAB investigators Sergeants Sergeant Troy Rodriquez and Omar Camacho interviewed Deputy Berrios in the Line-up room at Men's Central Jail. Witness Berrios worked on November 20, 2019, as the PM Shift, 3000 Inmate Meal Security.

While inside Module 3500/3700 officer's workstation, Witness Berrios heard Inmate Lee yelling for a sergeant and a lieutenant, saying he needed medical attention. Witness Berrios exited his workstation and saw Inmate Lee being held by the biceps by Deputies and Flores, one on each side. Inmate Lee dropped his body weight and went to the floor. Witness Berrios asked Inmate Lee why he needed to go to the clinic and he would call to get him a pass [Witness Berrios Transcript, Page 4].



Witness Berrios followed Deputies Flores, and Inmate Lee to his cell. Witness Berrios never saw Inmate Lee's head make contact with a wall or bars, nor did anyone use or spark a Taser during the entire interaction. While being escorted, Inmate Lee was not physically resistive with the deputies but was vocal in what he wanted [Witness Berrios Transcript, Pages 5-6].

After he entered his cell (C-12), Inmate Lee placed his back against the bunks and slid down to the floor. Inmate Lee did not complain of pain to his wrists or that he was having trouble breathing. When Inmate Lee entered the cell, he remained handcuffed and did not come to the tray slot to have his handcuffs removed.

At some point during the incident, a sergeant, Witness Le, was summoned to the module. Witness Le arrived to the module approximately two to three minutes after Inmate Lee was placed inside his cell. Witness Le had Inmate Lee removed from the cell and escorted into the 3000 Floor hallway.

Witness Berrios said Witness Le and other involved deputy personnel had a debriefing regarding the incident and the handling of recalcitrant inmates. Witness Le told the deputies, Inmate Lee's actions should have warranted a notification for a sergeant to respond sooner than what occurred.

Witness Berrios stated he was confused why Witness Le had them write memorandums for a use of force. Witness Berrios authored a memorandum regarding his actions and observations with Inmate Lee [Exhibit A].

WITNESS JOSHUA BUCHHOLZ

On March 18, 2020, IAB investigators Sergeants Sergeant Troy Rodriquez and Victor Puebla interviewed Deputy Buchholz at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Witness Buchholz worked on November 20, 2019, as the PM Shift, 3000 Floor Safety Check #1.

IAB NOTE: At the time of this interview, Deputy Buchholz had resigned from the Department on March 14, 2020, and was in the preemployment process with another law enforcement agency.

On November 20, 2019, Witness Buchholz was on and working overtime in Module 3500/3700. While inside the module officer's workstation, Witness Buchholz heard Inmate Lee yelling for a sergeant and a lieutenant. The inmate said he needed medical attention. Witness Buchholz exited the module's workstation and saw Inmate Lee being held by the biceps by Deputies and Flores, one on each side. Inmate Lee dropped his body weight, went to the floor, and landed on his knees. This sudden action caused Deputies and Flores to bend over with Inmate Lee as they maintained their firm grip on the inmate's biceps. After dropping to his knees, Inmate Lee began complaining of pain to his wrist.

Witness Buchholz stated he was not certain who, but someone requested a sergeant to respond to the module as soon as Inmate Lee began to yell and refused to go into his cell.

Witness Buchholz said Deputies and Flores communicated with each other while holding Inmate Lee's arms, and lifted him up to a standing position. After he stood up, Inmate Lee was escorted up the stairs and to his cell. Witness Buchholz described Inmate Lee's physical response as being resistive by leaning his body weight back into the deputies. Witness Buchholz clarified that Inmate Lee's body weight against the deputies was a result of him walking up the stairs while handcuffed while the deputies held onto him [Witness Buchholz Transcript, pages 6, 11]. Deputies and Flores escorted Inmate Lee with a control hold on his inner bicep and their free hand on Inmate Lee's back. Witness Buchholz stated he followed behind Deputies Flores, and Inmate Lee up the staircase to the upper landing.

Once they got upstairs, Inmate Lee was verbally resistive but not physically resistive, so Witness Buchholz went back into the module officer's workstation [Witness Buchholz Transcript, Page 8]. Witness Buchholz did not follow Deputies and Flores down the row and to Inmate Lee's cell. Witness

Buchholz stated at no time did he see Inmate Lee's head make contact with the bars or walls, nor did anyone use or spark a Taser.

Approximately five to ten minutes after Inmate Lee was placed in his cell, Sergeant Le arrived at the Module and spoke to Inmate Lee. Sergeant Le directed Witness Buchholz, Deputies and Flores to take Inmate Lee out onto the 3000 Floor hallway.

Witness Buchholz escorted Inmate Lee to the Men's Central Jail Clinic and was relieved and returned to the 3000 Floor. There was a meeting with Witness Le and he was informed of a possible investigation due to an injury Inmate Lee had incurred. Witness Buchholz authored a memorandum regarding his actions and observations with Inmate Lee [Exhibit A].

IAB NOTE: Witness Buchholz was shown segments of the Men's Central Jail surveillance footage to assist in his recollection of the incident [Exhibit B].

WITNESS CHRISTOPHER LE

On March 17, 2020, IAB investigators Sergeants Sergeant Troy Rodriquez and Omar Camacho interviewed Sergeant Le in the Line-up room at Men's Central Jail. Witness Le worked on November 20, 2019, as the PM Shift, 3100/3000 Sergeant.

Witness Le stated during his shift he was requested over the radio to respond to Module 3500/3700 regarding a man down and not a recalcitrant inmate. Witness Le arrived at Module 3500/3700 in about one to two minutes from the radio request. Inmate Lee was inside his cell when Witness Le arrived. It was determined Inmate Lee needed a medical evaluation for a wrist injury. Witness Le recalled Inmate Lee originally commented that his wrist injury was associated to his arrest by another law enforcement agency [Witness Le Transcript, Pages 3-71.

Witness Le had Inmate Lee removed from his cell and taken to the 3000 Floor hallway. Inmate Lee complained his wrist had been injured while being placed in his cell. He also said he did not belong in the current module. Witness Le had deputies escort Inmate Lee to the Men's Central Jail clinic to be medically evaluated.

Witness Le spoke to Witnesses Rosas, Buchholz, Berrios, and Deputies and Flores, to inquire what occurred with Inmate Lee. Witness Le was told Inmate Lee did not want to return to his cell and dropped his body weight and went down on his knees. The deputies talked to Inmate Lee for a long time and the inmate was eventually escorted and placed in his cell. Witness Le

recalled he was requested to Module 3500/3700 regarding a "man-down" in the module.

IAB NOTE: The term "man-down" is used by custody personnel to describe an inmate in need of medical assistance.

After hearing the deputies' and witnesses' accounts of what occurred with Inmate Lee, Witness Le reviewed the DVTel video surveillance footage. Their statements were consistent with the video footage he reviewed. Witness Le spoke with the watch commander, Lieutenant Jaime Alvarez. Collectively they determined inmate Lee's complaint of pain, and the deputies' physical escort of Inmate Lee to his cell, should be classified as a Category 1 use of force [Witness Le Transcript, Page 8].

Witness Le stated the deputies and witnesses were new, young, and uncertain of the Department's force policy. As a result, all of their memorandums stated they did not use or witness any force [Witness Le, Transcript, Pages 9-10]. Witness Le reviewed the Instructional Bulletin, Custody Training and Standards Bureau, Passive Resistive Persons, and felt this may have led to the deputies' confusion of witnessing or using force. Witness Le confirmed the verbal notifications he received, the video footage, and the written documents by the deputies and witnesses were consistent.

Witness Le felt Inmate Lee was within the definition of a recalcitrant inmate when he entered the module, dropped to his knees, and refused to go into his cell. Witness Le debriefed the involved personnel and advised the deputies based off the video surveillance (without sound), when Inmate Lee went to his knees, they should have called for a supervisor. The involved personnel were receptive to his directions.

IAB NOTE: Witness Le was shown segments of the Men's Central Jail surveillance footage to assist in his recollection of the incident [Exhibit B]. Witness Le stated Deputy Lino Arteaga Tellez # followed Deputy Flores from the control booth to the module and left when Inmate Lee was escorted inside. Deputy Tellez told Witness Le he did not witness anything that occurred with Inmate Lee.

WITNESS

On November 20, 2019, at approximately 2333 hours, Inmate was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Alfred Salazar and Sergeant John Gutierrez at Men's Central Jail, in the 3000 Floor school area.

IAB NOTE: The interview with Witness was conducted in Spanish, translated, and transcribed.

Witness stated he was an inmate worker in the module where he cleaned and passed out meals to other inmates. When Witness walked down the stairs in the module to pass out food to the other inmates, he saw two deputies and an inmate. The inmate was kneeling on the floor, crying and screaming for a sergeant to help him.
Witness heard Inmate Lee scream that something hurt and he wanted to speak to a sergeant. Module officer, Witness Rosas, told him and Witness to go back into their dorm, and to stop passing out food. After returning to his dorm, Witness could hear Inmate Lee screaming for a sergeant. He saw Inmate Lee being escorted by deputies, one on each side, as they held him by the arms. Witness said Inmate Lee, "looked like he was in bad shape."
Witness did not see the deputies strike Inmate Lee, but said he heard what he thought was a Taser and described an electrical sound. Witness stated his observations were from approximately eight feet away.
WITNESS #
On November 20, 2019, at approximately 2345 hours, Witness was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Alfred Salazar and Sergeant John Gutierrez at Men's Central Jail, in the 3000 Floor school area.
IAB NOTE: The interview with Witness was conducted in Spanish, translated, and transcribed.
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SUSPECT INMATE GARY LEE

Men's Central Jail Interview

On November 19, 2019, at approximately 2011 hours, Inmate Lee was interviewed by Men's Central Jail Watch Commander Lieutenant Jaime Alvarez while he waited for the results of x-rays taken of Inmate Lee's left wrist. The interview was video recorded [Exhibit C].

Inmate Lee stated upon returning from court, he believed he was going to have an anxiety attack. He was having a hard time breathing and requested medical treatment and the fire department. He further stated there was an issue with his cell assignment. When Inmate Lee was escorted into the doorway of Module 3500/3700, he took a knee because he was having problems breathing. Three to four deputies attempted to pick him up off the floor. The deputy on his left side, Deputy Flores, twisted, turned, and pulled on his left wrist as he picked him up. Inmate Lee stated the same type of incident happened when he was arrested by Covina Police Department a month prior, and he still had scars on his wrists from the handcuffs.

Inmate Lee stated he yelled and screamed for a sergeant and lieutenant. The deputies told him they would call a supervisor, but no one came. The deputies continued to twist, jerk and pull on his wrists in hopes of having him stand up to avoid the pain they were inflecting on him. Eventually, Inmate Lee stood up and he was escorted up the stairs and taken to his cell. Upon entering the cell tier, his head was intentionally pushed into the wall and bars. Once inside his cell, Inmate Lee dropped to the ground in pain while still handcuffed. Eventually, he was escorted out of his cell and seated in the 3000 Floor hallway prior to being taken to the clinic. While waiting in the hallway, Inmate Lee asked a deputy to loosen his left handcuff, but the deputy refused.

Lieutenant Alvarez examined the injuries that Inmate Lee identified as preexisting and the injuries he sustained based on his contact with deputy personnel. There was no recent injures to Suspect Lee's head; however, a preexisting injury to his left forehead was present. Inmate Lee stated the swelling and abrasion on his left wrist were caused by deputies. All other scars, skin abnormalities, and injuries were preexisting and the result of his prior contact with Covina Police Department.

IAB Interview

On November 22, 2019, at approximately 1458 hours, Inmate Lee was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Alfred Salazar and Sergeant John Gutierrez at Men's Central Jail, in the 3000 Floor school.

Inmate Lee stated after returning from court he was escorted to Module 3500. Upon entering the module, he took a knee and told the deputy he was having trouble breathing and felt like he was having an anxiety attack. Inmate Lee further stated he had anxiety issues which are increased when he is incarcerated [Inmate Lee Transcript, Pages 4-5].

While waist chained, a deputy grabbed Inmate Lee's arm, twisted, and turned it backwards trying to make him stand up. The deputy twisted and bent his hand using the handcuff as leverage to make him stand up, as they applied pressure. Inmate Lee began yelling for a sergeant and lieutenant [Inmate Lee Transcript, Page 6].

IAB investigators asked Inmate Lee if he had a conversation with the deputies, or was given orders to stand up. Inmate Lee stated, "No, there wasn't no conversation. It was just them trying to make me get up by applying pressure and pain" [Inmate Lee Transcript, Page 9]. Inmate Lee eventually stood up with the deputies' assistance after a few minutes to avoid the pain he experienced. Inmate Lee said he was "muscled" up the stairs by numerous deputies, dragged to his cell, and thrown inside [Inmate Lee Transcript, Pages 6-7].

Prior to entering C-row, Inmate Lee stated he was slammed against the wall, which caused him to hit his head [Inmate Lee Transcript, Pages 12-13]. Inmate Lee asked the deputies, why did they hit his head against the wall? They replied he did it to himself. Inmate Lee was escorted down the row and into his cell. Inside his cell, Inmate Lee slid down onto his buttocks with his back against the bed.

Inmate Lee began yelling for a sergeant and lieutenant. Inmate Lee was eventually escorted from his cell to the 3000 Floor hallway then escorted to the Men's Central Jail clinic where x-rays were taken. Inmate Lee could not provide any names or descriptions of the deputies involved in this incident.

IAB investigators attempted to clarify with Inmate Lee the reason he did not want to return to Module 3500. Inmate Lee stated he required medical attention before going into the cell and felt he should have been released from court. Additionally, Inmate Lee explained he was only in the module for a few hours before going to court. He noticed it was not general population, since the inmates wore different colored wristbands, and there were no televisions. Inmate Lee said he was generally cooperative with law enforcement officers; however,

something did not feel right about the situation he was in [Inmate Lee Transcript, Pages 18-19].

Inmate Lee said the scars on his wrists were a result of an incident that occurred when he was handcuffed and arrested by Covina Police Department a month prior. Although the scars were visible, Inmate Lee stated they caused him no pain [Inmate Lee Transcript, Pages 10-12].

IAB NOTE: Inmate Lee's Arrestee Medical Screening Form was submitted when Inmate Lee was booked on November 19, 2019, by Covina Police Department. The form had boxes checked which indicated the suspect had no injuries, nor did he resist, and no officer used force on Inmate Lee

[Miscellaneous Documents]. Inmate Lee's arrest report was obtained from Covina Police Department

[Miscellaneous Documents]. The report did not indicate any evidence to support Inmate Lee's statements of being injured at the time of his arrest.